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AS INSTRUCTED, THREE DEPUTY COMMANDANTS SAW BRANDT AND AMREHN
THIS MORNING. ACTING US DEPUTY COMMANDANT AS CHAIRMAN CONVEYED
TO MAYORS SUBSTANCE PARAS 1 THROUGH 4 REFTEL.

BRANDT THANKED DEPUTY COMMANDANTS FOR INFORMATION, SAYING HE NOT
SURPRISED SINCE HE TALKED LAST NIGHT TO A CORRESPONDENT FROM
BONN WHO TOLD HIM IN SIMILAR VEIN OF ALLIED DECISION
(AMREHN TOLD US AFTERWARDS THAT FEDREP FONOFF SOURCE YESTERDAY
HAD ALSO TRANSMITTED SUBSTANCE ALLIED DECISION).

WHILE BRANDT AND REFRAINED FROM
FURTHER COMMENT, AMREHN SAID HE WISHED EXPRESSED HIS
DISAPPOINTMENT WITH ALLIED DECISION AND ASKED RE SUBSTANCE
PARA 2 REFTEL WHAT NEXT STEP WOULD BE AFTER ALLIED TURNBACK.
HE SAID ALLIED POSITION APPEARED TO HIM AS COMPROMISE
(MITTELDING) BETWEEN TWO POSSIBLE COURSES OF ACTION; HE WOULD
HAVE LIKED TO HAVE HEARD THAT ALLIES WOULD "ENFORCE"
SURFACE ACCESS. IN RESPONSE CHAIRMAN STATED ALLIED
POSITION NOT RPT NOT A COMPROMISE SINCE ALLIES PREPARED TO

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DO ONLY WHAT THEY DO NOW. IF SINGLE NEW ELEMENT INTRODUCED IN CONTROL PROCEDURE BY SOVS OR GDR, ALLIES WILL REFUSE TO ACCEPT IT.

AMREHN INSISTED THAT ALLIES ARE IN BERLIN ON BASIS OCCUPATION RIGHTS GROWING OUT OF UNCONDITIONAL SURRENDER AND THAT SUBMISSION TO CONTROL BY EAST GERMANS AND OR TURNBACK IF NEW CONTROL PROCEDURES DEMANDED WOULD FALL CONSIDERABLY SHORT OF MAINTAINING ALLIED RIGHTS. CHAIRMAN STATED CONTINGENCY PLAN HE HAD RECITED CARRIED STORY ONLY TO POINT WHEN SOVS OR GDR TRY TO INTRODUCE CHANGE IN CURRENT DOCUMENTATION OR PROCEDURES. ALLIES WILL NOT RPT NOT ACCEPT ANY CHANGE, AND THIS REPRESENTS POSITION OF STRENGTH.

WHEN QUESTIONED WHETHER ALLIES HAVE NOTICED ANY SIGNS OF IMMEDIATELY IMPENDING CHANGES IN SOV OCCUPATION RESPONSIBILITIES CHAIRMAN REPLIED IN NEGATIVE, ADDING HIS PERSONAL BELIEF THAT ABOLITION OF SOV KOMMANDATURA AND/OR APPEARANCE GDR PERSONNEL AT SURFACE CHECKPOINTS WOULD BE LIKELY FIRST SIGNS.

MATTER COVERED PARA 5 REFTTEL WAS NOT RPT NOT BROUGHT UP.

AFTER MEETING AMREHN BUTTONHOLED ACTING US DEPUTY COMMANDANT TO REITERATE HIS PREVIOUSLY STATED MISGIVINGS. HE MADE ADDITIONAL POINT THAT IF ALLIES PURSUE INDICATED POLICY THEY MIGHT ALSO AGREE TO MAGDEBURG LANDING ALLIED AIRCRAFT FOR INSPECTION PURPOSES AS SPECULATED BY TABLOID "NACHT-DEPESCHE" TUESDAY (BERLIN'S G-50 TO BONN, G-18 TO DEPT). IN REPLY ACTING US DEPUTY COMMANDANT STATED: "I ASSURE YOU THAT SUCH A CONCLUSION IS ENTIRELY UNWARRANTED."

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